

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 486 - SB 662

February 24, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to analyze areas within the state impacted by blocked highway-rail grade crossings and report at least semiannually to the Transportation and Safety Committee of the Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$700,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/Highway Fund

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by TDOT:
 - There are approximately 800 highway-rail grade crossings statewide;
 - Currently there are approximately 14 highway-rail grade crossings which impede commerce or pose potential public safety risks;
 - Analysis will be performed by private consultants on the 14 locations individually; and
 - Based on previous studies performed for TDOT by private consultants, each analysis is estimated to cost \$50,000.
- The proposed legislation requires semiannual reports to be made regarding such locations with no termination date.
- Given the number of highway-rail grade crossings statewide, it is reasonably assumed the number of such crossings which will need to be analyzed in any given year will remain constant.
- The proposed legislation is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures to the Highway Fund of \$700,000 (14 locations x \$50,000 per location), beginning in FY21-22 and occurring in subsequent years.
- Requiring TDOT to report its findings and recommendations to the Transportation and Safety Committee of the Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives will not result in a significant impact to state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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